

Regular Meeting Calmar City Council
Monday, August 6, 2007
7:00 P.M. Calmar Fire Station

Prior to the meeting council members Dave Zweibahmer, Luther Anderson, Karen Kleve, John Patrick and Mayor Willis met at the depot to discuss the restroom grant. After discussion it was decided to build a 7X9' handicap restroom using the door to the south for easy access to the trail. Luther Anderson will serve as the contact/advisor for the project. The council then proceeded to the Calmar Fire Station. Ervin Glock submitted a request to the council to close the alley north of his plumbing shop on September 7th for an auction. The council agreed this would not be a problem. Shirley Frana was present to question her assessment for the Rolling Hills project. The curb will end approximately 15 feet short of the property line. The engineers state this is because the paver can't do the end of the street without obtaining an easement from the adjoining property owner and because of drainage. There are two ways this can be handled, the assessment can be reduced or it can stay the same and the city can do a resolution to state that when/if the street ever continues to the east she would not have to pay again. The council will call the engineer later in the meeting for more clarification. Mayor George Willis administered the oath of office to new Calmar police officer Joe Ward. Joe introduced his wife Catina, daughter Amanda and son Jeff and gave a brief history. Anne Kriener, Calmar pool manager was introduced to the mayor, council and public present. Anne gave a brief resume of her past work in recreation and swimming pools.

The regular meeting of the Calmar city council was called to order at 7:05 P.M. by Mayor George Willis at the Calmar Fire Station. Answering the roll was: Patrick, Kleve, Anderson, Vondersitt and Zweibahmer.

Moved by Kleve, seconded by Patrick to approve the minutes of the July 2, 2007 meeting. Aye: Patrick, Kleve, Anderson, Zweibahmer and Vondersitt.

Moved by Anderson, seconded by Kleve to approve the agenda with the addition of the Outdoor Furnace Ordinance. Aye: Patrick, Kleve, Anderson, Zweibahmer and Vondersitt.

Moved by Vondersitt to rescind the motion of July 2nd regarding outdoor furnaces with no stipulation when they can be operated. Seconded by Patrick. Aye: Kleve, Patrick, Vondersitt, Zweibahmer and Anderson.

Moved by Vondersitt to amend the original Ordinance # 326 adding that there would be no stipulation when they can be operated and to waive the 2nd. and 3rd. readings. Seconded by Patrick. Aye: Kleve, Patrick, Vondersitt and Zweibahmer. Nay: Anderson. Motion carried.

Moved by Vondersitt to approve Ordinance # 326 regarding Outdoor Furnaces. Seconded by Kleve. Aye: Kleve, Patrick, Vondersitt and Zweibahmer. Nay: Anderson. Motion carried.

The Rolling Hills street project was discussed. IIW called and said that the intakes (4) are not the same height, there is a variation of up to 4 ½ inches from one side of the street to the other. There are two options, they can be cut off and then a new top poured at a cost of \$ 1,250.00 per intake or the street can be poured and formed to work with the current intakes. The second option wouldn't look as pleasing to the eye as the first. The council discussed several other options and wished to speak to the engineer regarding these options. The engineer will be called later in the meeting.

The bonding for the Rolling Hills project was discussed; the bonding attorney strongly suggested that the city go with general obligation bonds instead of special assessment bonds. The city would get a better interest rate with general obligation bonds. Moved by Zweibahmer, seconded by Anderson to approve Resolution # 430 to fix the date for a public hearing on a loan agreement in a principal amount not to exceed \$260,000 for Tuesday, September 11, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. at the Calmar Fire Station. Aye: Patrick, Kleve, Anderson, Zweibahmer and Vondersitt.

Moved by Kleve, seconded by Patrick to approve Partial payment estimate # 1 for Concrete Foundations in the amount of # 39,874.82. Aye: Anderson, Kleve, Vondersitt, Zweibahmer and Patrick.

Moved by Zweibahmer, seconded by Kleve to approve the beer, wine and liquor license for the Train Station. Aye: Anderson, Kleve, Vondersitt, Zweibahmer and Patrick.

The fire department report was reviewed and accepted as presented. It was noted that payment had still not been received from Agriprocessors for the clean up of the spill on June 24th. A letter will be drafted, signed by the mayor and sent to them.

The police department report was reviewed and accepted as presented. Dave Zweibahmer and John Patrick had met with Chief Werner regarding the council recommendations, input and reply to the speed survey. Chief Werner has to meet with the DOT representative again regarding the speed survey and more information will be available at the next meeting.

The street department report was discussed. The garage issue will be referred to the police department. The cities fence regulations were discussed. The city attorney stated that our ordinance is very strict and prohibits any kind of fence in the front. He recommended that the ordinance be changed and updated to allow decorative fencing in the front yard and that decorative fencing be defined. The fence ordinance is in the zoning part of our code and is regulated by the Zoning Committee. They will have to meet and have a public hearing and then make a recommendation to the council. The council would then have to have a public hearing to change the ordinance. George Selig was present, he has requested a permit to put fencing in his front yard, his home is set back to the alley and his pool and trampoline need to be in the front yard because of this. Mr. Selig was advised to attend the Zoning committee meeting when it is held and that this process would take a few months. The street projects for the summer are completed. Tim Vondersitt reported that there was an excess of rock put down in a few places due to inexperienced help. They might need to come back and remove any access rock later in the season.

A call was placed to Mark Jobjen, engineer for IIW. He explained the issue and a long discussion was held regarding the Rolling Hills intakes. The council agreed to visit with Tom Schmitt of Concrete Foundations and the engineers on Tuesday and that council members Anderson and Vondersitt make the final decision on which option to approve.

The water/wastewater report was discussed. The looping was discussed. Bob reported that the west street water main does not cross main. He thinks the line on west/main should be tied together and that the Klimesh loop should be completed. He had two quotes for the Klimesh loop and there was a large variation in footage between the two. He will verify these quotes and check with our local contractor to see if he would be interested in quoting the project. Mayor Willis stated that he is still trying to get a hold of Greg Sindt to see if a contract is needed with them for the wastewater study.

The clerk explained the annual street finance report to the council. Moved by Vondersitt, seconded by Zweibahmer to approve Resolution # 429 approving the Annual Street Finance Report. Aye: Anderson, Kleve, Vondersitt, Zweibahmer and Patrick. The clerk explained the cities Annual Report 06-07. The city did not go over budget in any funds and the beginning general fund balance increased over 05-06.

Mayor Willis stated that the grant for the restroom facility at the depot was approved. The council agreed to begin the project as soon as possible in order to comply with grant requirements. The cities Hazard Mitigation plan is in need of an update in 2008. The Winneshiek County Emergency Management will do this for us. The Calmar Commercial club is again planning a city wide picnic. This might be on a Sunday afternoon rather than a Friday night. They are requesting funding again. The council stated if they fund this project they want it know to the residents of Calmar that a donation was made by the city for the picnic. Moved by Zweibahmer, seconded by Kleve to approve funding for the city wide picnic in the amount of \$ 500.00. Aye: Anderson, Kleve, Vondersitt, Zweibahmer and Patrick.

Janelle Pavlovec requested that the council decide what the future would be for the Calmar Depot. Discussion followed and the council agreed that they did need to come up with a long term goal for the building.

Moved by Kleve, seconded by Anderson to approve the monthly claims as presented. Aye: Anderson, Kleve, Vondersitt, Zweibahmer and Patrick.

Claims July 07

Acco	control, probes, chemical	3471.45
Ace Telephone	internet sewer plant	17.95
Alliant Energy	electricity	5990.74

Aquila	gas	1342.22
Ara,arl	uniform	139.70
Audio Editions	audio books	232.78
Calmar Courier	publishing, subsc	169.96
Dan Elliott	library	139.90
Decorah Electric	repair	1283.75
Decorah Implement	mower repair	16.50
Emily Hoffert	transcription	55.50
Encyclop Britannica	reference book	33.90
Farmers Co op	fuel	424.07
Galls	equipment	210.05
Gunderson Clinic	testing Ward	280.80
Hach	chemicals	547.80
Heying Lumber	supplies	124.22
Hubers Store	paint fire dept	35.15
Hygenic Lab	AYA water testing	33.00
IDNR	fees, npdes, water supply	338.90
IIW	C engineering fees	3786.82
InControl,	engineering services	137.50
Ingram	books library	232.18
IRS	taxes	4974.85
Iowa Codification	code update	55.00
Iowa Law Enforcem	MMPI Ward	160.00
League of Cities	mayor workshop	60.00
Iowa One Call	locate	14.40
Ipers	ipers	1858.37
Keystone Labs	tsting	360.00
Klimesh Motors	service pump engine	149.91
Kwik Star	fuel	854.12
Linda Crossland	postage, 50% cement	116.64
Malcom Enterprise	garbage	6074.11
Marv Smith Electric	urinal repair fire station	100.00
McMyers Cox	concessions	420.23
Norby's	supplies	202.75
Postmaster	postage	120.50
Pepsi	concessions	614.60
Postville Vet Clinic	ship samples	43.25
Presto	pest control	34.00
Public Safety Center	equipment	266.12
Qwest	telephone	350.42
R. & R Plumbing	pvc, Rick Nienhaus	415.00
RES Concrete	Seal Concrete City Shop	500.00
Rite Price Office	office supplies	443.67
Rogers Lock	keys made	6.75
Ronald Werner	health insurance	548.40
Sherwin Williams	paint lines street	169.97
Sims	phone	53.98
Treasurer State IA	taxes	726.61
US Cell	telephone	239.00
Walmart	pool supplies	199.09
Wellmark	insurance	2599.59
Wiltgen Const	repair KT, Melden & Clk	909.52
Payroll July	payroll	19016.96
Total		61702.65

Expenses by fund

General	38,716.05
Road Use	3,053.22
Benefits	2,748.05

Cprojects	3,786.82
Water	6,170.88
Sewer	7,107.13
Total	61,582.15

Revenue by fund

General	18,244.96
Road use	7244.18
Benefits	374.12
Lost	7745.94
Tif	401.97
Debt Serv	232.33
Water	11769.05
Sewer	27,743.80
Total	73,756.35

John Patrick submitted his written resignation effective August 7, 2007 as council member for the City of Calmar. He is moving from the city limits. Mayor Willis presented John with a Certificate of Appreciation and thanked him for his years of service to the City of Calmar

Mayor Willis declared the meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

George Willis, Mayor

Michele Elsbernd, City Clerk